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Dear Gary and Paul,

Enclosed are copies of the May 16 letter from Angel to me, my response, copies of the enclosures with his, and a letter to Marshall. This is a new twist, charging me all over again for what they knew I had, by seeming to answer requests going back to last year.

It is, of course, a futility for me to ask things of them I cannot find time to go there and bring back with me. This is why I haven't done so little of it. It was clear in mid-1967. Now they never respond in less than two months. However, there may be something I can do. We'll see, when I have time. Meanwhile, I can hardly afford to go there for a maximum of 10 pages, the regulation/oft what can be copied while you wait.
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I'm rather surprised that Stoner withdrew the charge that Ray had been effectively denied counsel, that he had been coerced, etc. The papers available to me either ignored it or simply stated that it happened without any indication why. If you see or have any speculation, I'd be interested. Obvious ones include another sell-out, possibly paid for; utter incompetence, which I assume anyway; or some arcane legalism, beyond my comprehension. One of these would possibly be a series of legal moves, which might serve to publicize the NSRP. I continue fascinated that they wind up providing counsel.

If your papers didn't carry it, Gerry Ray says the FBI threatened to hail him before a grand jury. There is no indication of which I am aware that a federal grand jury is sitting on the case. The original charge had a conspiracy provision, under the civil-rights act. I have a reporter friend in Chicago who I've asked to try and interview him.

Thus far I've been able to learn nothing of any consequence about either Hill or Ryan. Hill is a younger man, according to one report/

Hope both of you are doing well in your studies.

Best,